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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
JOHN S. BIBB et al.) Art Unit: 3618
Application No.: 09/587,544) Examiner: Christopher Bottorff
Filed: June 6, 2000) Paper No.: 21
For: PILOT HYDRAULIC CONTROL FOR A)
PAIR OF STABILIZER LEGS ON A)
BACKHOE LOADER MACHINE)
Attorney Docket No.: 00-318)

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AMENDMENT under 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1,3-6, 8-15, and 18-24 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 2 and claim 18 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 16. Claims 2,16 & 17 have been cancelled by this amendment. New claims 19 - 24 have been added. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 2-6, 8, 10-15 and 18. No new matter has been added by this amendment.